



Weekly Information & Communication



April 18, 2016

WIC Spring Meeting and Breastfeeding Learning Collaborative

The event is almost here. The Conference Registration at Fairmont will open at 12:30 pm on Monday, April 25th. The WIC sessions will begin at 1:00 pm. The Conference Planners will be manning the registration table and have a packet and name badge for you. Also at the table will be a packet of Local Agency information that will be identified for one person at the Local Agency.

Notice

There will not be a WIC Newsletter published for the week of April 25-April 29, 2016 due to the Spring WIC Meeting and Breastfeeding Learning Collaborative.

WICHealth.org

The new WICHealth.org site has launched! I know that some of our agencies and clinics have had very positive things to say about the new site. However, the support staff with WICHealth have informed me that some staff members have created client accounts to see the new site (which is understandable). This will create problems with the support site that will launch May 4th.

If you are one of the clinics or agency that has created a new account recently, please let me know ASAP. We will have to inform the site staff to ensure that all agencies and clinics have proper access. If you have further questions please contact Lacy Little, 444-5923, lalittle@mt.gov.

LA Conference Call online

See minutes [here](#).

Survey for Lead Local Agencies

This survey is to collect information to be used for purchasing equipment for delivering participant education, some remote delivery options for nutrition education and topics for the WebEx trainings for local staff. This survey is set up to accept only one [response](#) from each lead local agency. Please submit your response by May 6, 2016.

Reports Correction:

[Benefits Issued and Redeemed Feb 2016](#)

Three Opportunities for CEUs

One webinar, Childhood Health and Nutrition is eligible for 8 CEUs, the National Maternal Nutrition Intensive Course is worth 15 CEUs as a live conference and 12 CEUs as a streaming webinar and the article is available for CEUS after reading, completing the form and submitting it to lalittle@mt.gov. Check out the [details](#) of each item.

Local Agency Outreach Spotlight

Sheridan County (Sidney/Plentywood) has published an ad in the Sidney Herald every 3 months for the last year. They've worked with public health departments in Daniels, Sheridan, and Richland Counties. They've networked with local health care providers, and their local OPA offices.

Sheridan has promoted word of mouth outreach, and encouraged participants to tell their friends and relatives who may be eligible about WIC services. These activities have proven successful; along with the downturn in the local oil industry, Sidney has seen an increase in participation.

Map: Risk of Lead Poisoning in America

This map, updated on April 6, 2016 from the Washington State Department of Health, presents the lead exposure risk in every community throughout America.

Places where kids would experience the highest and lowest risks of lead poisoning are identified; however, the purpose in creating this map was not to just treat lead poisoning, but to prevent exposure from happening in the first place. [Check](#) out the hot spots in Montana.

April IT Pop Quiz Question

Question: Name at least one possible reason why you can't link Mother and Infant?

Rather than having the Helpdesk call your Clinic and possibly causing an interruption. Please email your answers to hhswhc@mt.gov

March's IT Pop Quiz Answer and Winner

March's question was in the newsletter sent March 21, 2016. Alyssa Martin of Flathead was the first correct responder. There were 3 other correct answers received latter in the day.

Question: Where can you find the reset local reference data command for the M-Spirit program, and how often should it be used?

Answer: The reset local reference data command can be found by hovering over the blue W, in the system tray by the clock and calendar display in the bottom left part of the screen, and doing a right click. Highlight "Reset local reference data" and left click for execution.

We recommend Resetting at least weekly and anytime there is change to your to data.

Weekly Risk Code Highlight

[Risk Code 903](#), Foster Care is defined as entering the foster care system during the previous six months or moving from one foster care home to another foster care home during the previous six months.

An example of when this code could be used is when a guardian brings a child into an appointment and shows the foster care placement papers. Kinship care is NOT considered foster care for the code.

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